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1. Popular opinion in Serbia and the Vojvodina is favorable to the Balkan Pact. The belief is prevalent that the Yugoslav Government is sincere in its collaboration. It is realized that the danger of an attack from Bulgaria has decreased and that, in case of an invasion from the north, the Yugoslav troops have the possibility of a retreat to the south.
2. The people also believe and hope that the Yugoslav Government, as a result of its membership in the Balkan Pact, will find it necessary to join NATO. They would welcome this move as a further evidence of rapprochement with the West, with the possibility of the Western Powers having more influence on the regime in peacetime, and having command over the armed forces in time of war.

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